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MAKING A STATEMENT

Patricia Arquette, accepting the Oscar for best actress in a supporting role for *Boyhood*, on Sunday said: "To every woman who gave birth to every taxpayer and citizen of this nation, we have fought for everybody else's equal rights. It's our time to have wage equality once and for all and equal rights for women in the United States." Three pages of Oscars coverage inside. JOHN SHEARER/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Overseas detainees need a voice: Group

Human rights. Amnesty International Canada says support from government for Canadians imprisoned abroad seems 'arbitrary'



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The Canadian government is paying an "uneven" amount of attention to cases of people detained in foreign countries, human-rights groups say, decrying a lack of policies on responding to calls for support.

"It seems arbitrary which cases receive government support and which don't," said Alain Roy of Amnesty International Canada.

The group welcomed the recent release of Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy, who was freed on bail from an Egyptian prison and is scheduled to return to court Monday for a retrial. But, Amnesty says, Fahmy's case should be a wake-up call for more action in support of other Canadians believed to be wrongfully detained abroad.

Of the 1,540 Canadians being held in foreign countries, the majority are in the U.S., according to information from the Foreign Affairs department.

Many of the people are likely "prisoners of con-

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"Every one of those unfairly held needs our attention."

Sukanya Pillay, executive director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association

science," Amnesty spokeswoman Elizabeth Berton-Hunter said.

"They are people who have done nothing wrong, people who are trying to protect their own rights or protecting rights of others," she said.

While Amnesty launches campaigns on behalf of people, it chooses them very carefully. Initial contact usually comes from family of the detained rather than official sources.

The organization has been vocal in Fahmy's case and that of Burlington's Huseyin Celil, a human-rights activist for China's minority Uyghurs who was jailed for life in 2006 on terrorism charges. Another campaign calls for the release of Saeed Malekpour, a Canadian resident sentenced to life in Iran for charges related to his computer programming work.

Those are just a few who need a voice, Amnesty says, and it's Ottawa's job to make sure more stories are heard.

"The government needs to have clear policies determining the kind of support that should be provided to Canadians in trouble overseas," Roy said.

Information from the

Foreign Affairs department indicates that the government cannot interfere in the judicial affairs of another country or seek preferential treatment for Canadians imprisoned abroad. It can only provide assistance, such as notifying family and facilitating communications. All legal and financial burdens fall on the family's shoulders.

Other countries are doing more, groups like Amnesty say.

Australia's prime minister, for example, reportedly spoke with Egypt's president, leading to the release of Peter Greste, a journalist imprisoned with Fahmy. Prime Minister Stephen Harper sent letters on Fahmy's behalf, but the government has declined to release details.

For Sukanya Pillay, executive director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, the big concern "is about people we have no information about."

"There's evidence that when Canadians take action in support of someone unlawfully detained abroad, their voice carries weight," she said. "Each situation is unique, and sometimes quiet diplomacy also works."

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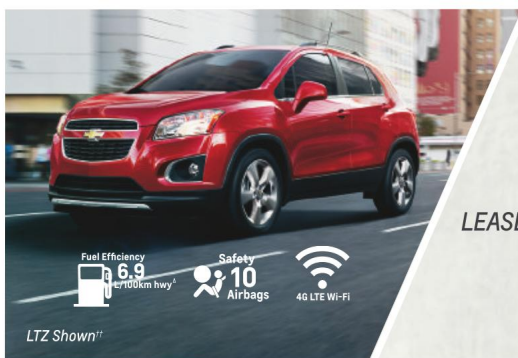
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More to Gardiner than condos

Development.

Architects see loads of untapped potential under the route, from crematoriums to performance art



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Every morning, Michael Piper looks out his window in Toronto's east end and gazes upon the Gardiner Expressway.

"I like feeling the traffic," the University of Toronto architecture professor said. "It makes it feel like the city's alive and active."

But with developers eyeing the space next to, underneath, and even above, the Gardiner, the view from Piper's window is soon going to change.

The question is how.

City council heard a pro-

posal last week to convert a warehouse at Lakeshore and Bathurst into a Loblaws grocery store, complete with two 40-storey residential towers. The complex would extend underneath the Gardiner, reclaiming the space beneath the behemoth beltway.

It's the latest in a series of developments abutting the Gardiner, but some local architects are questioning if packing in more condos is really the best idea.

"Forget condos, they're just an easy way to make money," said Alexander Josephson, an architect at the Toronto firm Partisans.

"You could put all sorts of things under there."

Josephson lists off cities like Tokyo and Marrakesh, which have filled spaces underneath their roadways with snaking shopping malls, pedestrian walkways and housing co-ops.

"Fundamentally, these kinds of projects only happen in places where land is scarce,"



U of T architecture student Sonja Tjanic wrote her master's thesis on the possibility of converting unused spaces beneath the Gardiner Expressway into performance venues, like the one shown here in a model. CONTRIBUTED

Josephson said. "Otherwise, there's not a lot of incentive for someone to rent land under a piece of aging infrastructure."

While Toronto isn't Tokyo, Josephson said the rising cost of housing and the scarcity of land imposed by the Greenbelt — which spans 7,200 square kilometres around the GTA — means more density will be added along the Gardiner.

"We need that land," he said, referring to space near the expressway. "We need to work with it, but we need to do something dynamic with it."

Josephson isn't alone.

Laura Miller — Piper's colleague at U of T — said many students hand in projects reimagining the Gardiner.

One grad student, Sonja Tjanic, envisioned a series of performance spaces underneath the expressway.

"The theatre would be much more interactive. People might even stumble across a performance," Miller said. "And when they weren't being used for theatre, the spaces would be part of the everyday environment."

Another student pitched building a crematorium under the expressway, turning it into

a kind of non-stop funeral procession.

The Gardiner's fate is undecided — plans have been proposed to tear it down, bury it or even convert it into a park in the vein of New York's High Line — but both Piper and Miller hope the expressway sticks around.

"Rather than turning these spaces into an idealized version of what a city or a park should be, we should embrace their inherent qualities," Piper said. "We shouldn't try and hide the highway, but rather integrate it into whatever development is happening around it."

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"One of my favourite things is taking a cab back into town and seeing all the towers that butt up against the Gardiner. There's something beautiful about it.... The highway feels like part of the city and not something that has been shamed out of its existence."

Michael Piper, U of T architecture professor

Technology

Police to shut out eavesdroppers with encrypted radio

For decades, anyone who wants to has been able to eavesdrop on Toronto police radio communications. All it takes is a scanner: an easy-to-acquire device that automatic-

ally cycles through multiple radio frequencies. Such devices, which only receive transmissions, are perfectly legal in Canada. You can even find smartphone apps that air near-simultaneous streams of police radio chatter.

That is about to end.

The project to replace the Toronto Police Service's existing analog radios with encrypted digital radio technol-

ogy has taken more than five years to implement, at a cost of \$35.5 million. According to Mark Pugash, the Toronto Police Service's director of corporate communications, this new encrypted communications system will be fully operational by May, forever shutting out eavesdroppers.

In a nutshell, the police don't want criminals to be able to track their movements.

Unauthorized decoding of encrypted communications is punishable with fines of up to \$75,000 and a maximum prison sentence of one year.

Once encryption goes into effect, Pugash says, Toronto police will primarily keep the media and public up-to-date through the Toronto Police Operations Centre Twitter account.

Jack Summers, the pur-

chasing and marketing manager at North York's Radioworld (the country's largest scanner reseller), says that encryption will only shut out legitimate scanner users.

"There is, I believe, an underground market out there," Summers says of illegal eavesdropping equipment. "Anything that is encrypted can be cracked."

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Boy's surgery prompts hug day

Campaign. Eight-year-old doesn't want his mom to feel alone

Sebastian Yanqueleveh is a sick North York boy with a simple request: Hug somebody on March 5.

The eight-year-old has been through a lot in the past four years. He received a diagnosis of a brain tumour at age four, suffered countless seizures, endured regular doctor's appointments and underwent one major surgery.

On March 5, he's scheduled for a second brain surgery.

"As a mother, you try to be so strong and such a rock and so positive all the time but inside I'm crumbling," said Nadine Weis, Sebastian's mom.

Last Thursday, Weis posted a video to YouTube, asking people around the world to perform a simple loving act the day her eldest boy goes in

for hours-long surgery.

"It's a day where everybody takes a second to hug somebody else," she said. "To hug somebody is something positive and that energy ... reaches my son, it reaches us."

Weis said she came up with the hug idea after Sebastian told her, "I don't want you to be alone while I'm in surgery."

She explained she wouldn't be alone, she has the support of her husband and family, but Sebastian persisted.

"I told Sebastian, 'What if we convert this into a hug?'" she said. "He thought it was great."

Sebastian has remained resilient in the face of his frequent debilitating seizures, said Weis.

Upon learning he needed another surgery, Sebastian told her: "Tell them to do it tomorrow. Just get it out because it's bothering me. There's a solution for it, let's just do it," Weis said.

"His outlook on the whole

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"He said to me, 'Mommy, my wish is coming true because I'm not so scared any more.'"

Nadine Weis, on her son Sebastian's response to the campaign.

situation is so positive that sometimes it blows me away," she said. "I admire his positivity and his sensibility ... and I wanted to honour it."

The procedure is extensive but necessary to stop the seizures, said Dr. Berge Minassian.

There are risks — "He's going to have his skull open," the doctor said — but he added that SickKids has the best pediatric neurosurgeons and he expects Sebastian will make a full recovery.

Weis said she's received emails from people all over the world who say they'll be hugging on March 5.

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Sebastian Yanqueleveh, centre, gets a hug from siblings Julien and Mia. Sebastian will have surgery to remove a brain tumour on March 5. COURTESY NADINE WEIS

23 rinks set to close, donation saves 12 others



Helen Walsh and daughter Meghan enjoy a final skating day at the Rosedale Park outdoor rink Sunday. GILBERT NGABO/METRO



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Helen Walsh and her four-year-old daughter Meghan had just stepped on the ice Sunday afternoon when they saw a city truck approaching.

With news that Toronto was closing 23 rinks — including this one in the Rosedale neighbourhood — the truck was the last thing they wanted to see.

A total of 35 outdoor rinks were initially slated to close across the city, but a dozen survived thanks to a \$200,000 donation from Maple Leaf Sports

and Entertainment and Green for Life.

"It's been too cold to come out and skate, until now," Walsh said, referring to weather conditions that have been brutal in the city for the past few weeks. She had walked to the community rink hoping to teach her daughter a few more strokes before it closed.

It turned out the truck was carrying an ice resurfacer for one last cleanup before full closure. The place is always "pretty busy," especially even- ing and weekends, she said.

"It is a shame," she said as the two waited on the side be-

Costs

- **\$4,500:** Cost of operations per week for each rink
- **\$216,000:** Price for keeping 12 outdoor rinks open for an extra month

fore stepping back on the outdoor rink that, every winter, has become so familiar to them and many of their neighbours.

The closure means the Walshes and others around the area will have to make the trek in search of nearby public rinks

for skating for the remainder of winter.

The city should do more planning in advance, rather than make surprise announcements that affect people's lifestyles, Walsh said.

"The same thing happened last year," she lamented. "You think they'd know it would be coming."

Added Charles Duffontenay, another regular skater at the Rosedale outdoor rink: "Too bad it can't be open for another month, given the weather."

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AGENTS OF CHANGE Eleven Torontonians who are building a better city

This is the fifth part in a series exploring how 11 groups and individuals plan to make Toronto a better place through the Centre for Social Innovation's Agents of Change program. Each is being set up for a year with tools, ranging from work space to contacts, aimed at turning ideas into reality.

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Chad Craig, left, and Lucas Medina. CONTRIBUTED

Filling a diversity gap in foster care

Lucas Medina and Chad Craig are looking to change the lives of foster children who fall along what Medina calls the rainbow spectrum.

The couple's venture — Five/Fourteen — is a foster placement agency focused on providing a safe space for youth who identify under any part of the LGBTQ2A acronym.

Medina himself grew

up a crown ward. From age eight to 17, he lived in the same evangelical foster home, uncomfortable to come out. When he was 16, his foster mother discovered he was gay and left him a note deeming him a "boarder." He left soon after.

Because of the way children are placed in the foster-care system — as boys or girls — there is no system in place to help a child transition if, for example, a boy at

eight self-identifies as a girl.

When foster agencies think of an 11-year-old saying they're gay, Medina said, they think of gay sex instead of focusing on the fact that the child is declaring an identity they understand.

The vision for the agency has two parts. It brings kids on the rainbow spectrum into Toronto to be placed with families who have ties to the gay community. It also functions as a transitional spot for young people aging out of the foster-care system.

The company's name comes from May 14, which has been dubbed Children and Youth In Care Day for Ontario.

System limitations

"There seems to be a strange lack of being able to separate the concept of sexual orientation and sexual activity."

Lucas Medina, co-founder Five/Fourteen

A collaborative approach to shaping their city

Liz Rykert and Caitlin Colson believe city-building is for everyone.

To facilitate their philosophy, the two network developers created Shape My City, a free social network that helps passionate Torontonians develop their causes.

The platform connects and encourages individuals, groups and organizations with similar causes. Users range from grassroots activists concerned about the Gardiner to neighbourhood advocates calling for cleaner parks.

The pair met when Colson began a mentorship with Rykert, who had discovered there was no place online to connect groups working toward similar goals.

"It comes down to how people connect with each other," Rykert said. "How you help people collaborate and work more effectively together."

Unlike networks like LinkedIn, Shape My City (which launched last September), is a place to "get work done" beyond networking. The pair designed tools to make the site a practical place, rather than a "vague, nebulous network."

"It's about helping

people who have an idea actually bring it to life," Rykert said.

Users post ideas, projects and events. They form groups that can be seen by anyone. Groups are connected through a "virtual block" that helps users sort through content. Users can join or follow a project: Join, meaning they intend to take an active part in the group, and follow, to simply keep an eye on its pulse.

They can develop meetups, and organize projects according to 16 categories, including architecture and design, business, education and transportation.

The site has polling

Participation

235

Users connecting with each other on Shape My City.

tools, and ways to post for event volunteers. It has a radar that sorts content and alerts users to new causes they might be interested in.

"You don't have to be a politician. You don't need to be an architect. You can be a curious neighbour who wants to try something," said Colson. "That's really important to us, that people can see themselves as city shapers."



Liz Rykert, left, and Caitlin Colson. CONTRIBUTED



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Toronto celebrates 30 years of patty peace

Patty Day. Inspectors tried to ban Jamaican bakeries from using the term 'beef patty' 30 years ago today



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Torontonians love to wax poetic about the war on the car, but how many remember the war on the patty?

The conflict began in 1985, when Jamaican patty purveyors in Toronto were informed their wares failed to conform to the federal Meat Inspection Act's definition of a "beef patty," reserved for the slab of meat typically used for hamburger.

Fastidious food inspectors told patty peddlers to change the name of the dish and remove "beef patty" from signs and advertising. Scofflaws were threatened with fines.

Unwilling to part with their heritage, Jamaican restaurants in the city banded together and

threatened legal action. Grass-roots groups sprang up to defend their precious patties, and the Jamaican consulate in Toronto was flooded with angry phone calls. The kerfuffle made international headlines, particularly in Jamaica.

Eventually, Ottawa backed down and allowed patty vendors to retain the name. To celebrate, patty proponents across the city gathered in Kensington Market on Feb. 23, 1985, to munch on beef patties.

Patty Day was born.

To mark the 30th anniversary of the event, the Toronto branch of the Jamaica Tourist Board is inviting locals to chow down today on a portable piece of Jamaican cuisine.

There aren't any special events planned, the board is simply asking you to give the patty a try — or try it again if you're already a fan.

At Patties Express on Elm Street, baker Paulo Luz recommends a regular beef patty sandwiched between two warm slices of coco bread.

"Once you've tried a patty in a sandwich," he said, "you're only going to have the



Patties Express on Elm Street is among those celebrating Patty Day today in Toronto. The shop's baker, Paulo Luz, gets quite poetic about the patty's appeal. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

sandwich."

Luz hails from Brazil, and only learned about the patty wars recently. However, he's not surprised people fought so

hard for the food.

There's a nostalgic appeal to patties, Luz said, whether it's native Jamaicans getting a taste of home or Torontonians rem-

iniscing about eating patties on lunch breaks in high school.

"You're not just eating a patty," he said. "You're eating a memory."

Where to get 'em

The lowdown on some Toronto patties.

- **Patty King, 187 Baldwin St.** Official Jamaican patty purveyor. Serves beef, chicken, goat and veggie.
- **Randy's, 1569 Eglinton Ave. W.** Serving traditional patties in the heart of Little Jamaica since 1978.
- **Caribbean Queen, 1279 Bloor St. W.** A favourite grab-and-go spot for TTC commuters.
- **Patties Express, 4 Elm St.** Catering to hungry Ryerson students, their crust is made without beef fat, meaning their veggie patties are truly vegetarian.
- **Crawford Market, 569 Crawford St.** Known for its beef patty served on a Portuguese bun.

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West Edmonton Mall 'is very safe': Police

Al-Shabab. In a video, a Somali extremist group suggests an attack against Alberta facility



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In the wake of a terrorist threat lobbed from halfway across the world, Edmonton Police emphasized Sunday the community is safe.

The threat comes from al-Shabab, a Somali terrorist group which claimed responsibility for an attack against a Kenyan Mall in 2013 that left 67 people dead. The brief reference to the West Edmonton Mall is near the end of a 76-minute, documentary-style video about the mall attack.

"What if such an attack were to occur in the Mall of America in Minnesota? Or the West Edmonton Mall in Can-

ada? Or in London's Oxford Street?" a masked man asks in the video.

Edmonton Police are taking the threat seriously, said deputy Chief Brian Simpson, but noted it was not a specific threat.

"I feel West Edmonton Mall is very safe," he said. "I also feel this community is very safe."

Simpson said police were working with mall security and people in the Somali and Muslim communities.

He said the best way of dealing with these type of threats is to "involve (the) community."

Police have said before that they are actively investigating several people in Alberta, because they fear these people are being radicalized.

RCMP Assistant Commissioner Marlin Degrand said after a threat like this, the RCMP would be more vigilant.

"We will be looking for any changes in behaviour, any of those signs or indicators that there might be some kind of a concern," he said.

Shoppers react

Business as usual

Despite the release of a video that urged extremist groups to attack shopping malls in Canada, the U.S., and Britain, shoppers and staff at West Edmonton Mall continued with business as usual Sunday.

Vicki Olson of Camrose said the news didn't stop her heading to the mall.

"It's a little distressing, but they (police) also said ... the chances of it happening are very slim."

Jeannine Solowy, visiting Edmonton from Yellowknife, said the news was upsetting, but the police response has been reassuring. "I feel like they have a handle on it," she said.

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Beloved beluga dies at SeaWorld

In this 2013 handout photo, Nanuq, a 2,200-pound beluga whale, gets acquainted with actress Isla Fisher at SeaWorld in San Diego. SeaWorld officials said Nanuq died Thursday at the estimated age of 31 or 32. The Vancouver Aquarium had lent the beluga whale to Orlando SeaWorld for breeding purposes. While the cause of death is not yet known, he had been undergoing treatment for an infection caused by a broken jaw that occurred in an encounter with other animals. Nanuq's death is renewing the debate over whether cetaceans should be bred in captivity.

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Railway

CN resumes talks with union

Canadian National Railway and Unifor have resumed contract talks a day before the railway has threatened to lock out nearly 5,000 employees.

A CN statement says the company hopes to reach a negotiated settlement or to persuade the union to agree to binding arbitration.

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Politics

Liberals call for law on assisted suicide by mid-summer

Justin Trudeau's Liberals want the outlines of a new law governing doctor-assisted dying to be clear by mid-summer — before Canadians head to the polls in October. They'll try to get the ball rolling Tuesday, introducing a motion that calls for creation of a special parliamentary committee.

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Dozens dead after river ferry sinks

Bangladesh. Struck by cargo vessel at a crossing on the Padma

A river ferry carrying up to 140 passengers capsized in central Bangladesh on Sunday after being hit by a cargo vessel, killing at least 48 people, officials said. A rescue operation was underway, but it was not clear how many people were missing.

The ferry was struck by the cargo vessel at the Daulatdia-Paturia crossing on the Padma River on Sunday afternoon, said fire department official Shahzadi Begum. Rescue teams were deployed and passing boats were helping in the operation, she said.

The site is 40 kilometres northwest of Dhaka, the capital. Ferry accidents are com-

mon in Bangladesh, an impoverished South Asian nation that is crisscrossed by more than 130 rivers.

The ferry, the M.L. Mosta, was submerged at a depth of up to six metres, said Inspector Zihad Mia, who is overseeing the rescue operation.

By Sunday evening, at least 48 bodies had been recovered, Mia said. Officials had yet to determine how many passengers were missing. Ferries in Bangladesh usually do not maintain formal passenger lists.

"We don't have a clear picture about how many were exactly in the ferry when it sank," Mia said. "But I think many have survived."

Jewel Mia, an official from the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, told reporters at the scene that up to 140 people were on board.

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Lebanese families picnic after heavy winter snowstorm

Lebanese Druze families picnic in the snow a day after a strong snowstorm, near the village of Hamana, Mount Lebanon, Sunday. A heavy winter storm descended on parts of the Middle East on Friday with snow falling in Israel, parts of the West Bank, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria.

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U.S. Senate still in stalemate as budget deadline looms

The possible shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security threatens the Obama administration's efforts to counter the extremist appeal of ISIL within the U.S. and to respond with emergency aid to communities struggling with winter snowstorms, Homeland Se-

curity Secretary Jeh Johnson warned on Sunday.

Funding for the department's \$40-billion budget ends on Friday, and no solution is in sight for Congress to take action by then. The fight is over President Barack Obama's immigration plan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine. Blast kills, injures at march amid hopeful signs

A bomb blast killed two at a march in east Ukraine on Sunday on the first anniversary of the ouster of the country's Russia-friendly president, a gruesome counterpoint to the hopes spawned by a ceasefire agreement more than a week ago.

An exchange of prisoners

this weekend and acknowledgment by both sides of a commitment to pull back heavy weapons are promising signs that peace may yet prevail, although sporadic exchanges of hostilities between government and separatist forces have yet to subside entirely. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ottawa. GM stock may help feds balance budget

The Harper government's push to deliver a balanced budget despite low oil prices has attracted fresh attention to a potential stockpile of federal cash: a multi-billion-dollar taxpayer stake in the auto business.

The government's remaining 73.4 million shares in General Motors are now worth more than \$3.4 billion in total, thanks to the combined effect of a solid stock price and a weakened Canadian dollar.

In fact, once the Canadian exchange rate is factored in on the U.S.-priced stock, its per-share value is higher than it has been in more than five years.

Earlier this month, Ottawa became the only North American government still holding stock acquired as part of the 2009 effort to bail out the then-sputtering automaker.

Ottawa's GM shares surfaced last month as one of several possible money-generating options that could help the Conservative government live up to its promise of balancing the 2015-16 budget.

Fulfilling the pledge will be central to Tory re-election fortunes. The government insists it

Government shares

Ottawa initially booked the stock's value at \$1.1 billion. Its gain or loss is determined by the stock's total proceeds minus its book value.

- **Book value.** Market value of remaining stock is \$3.4 billion, which would leave Ottawa with a net gain of \$2.3 billion.

will achieve a balanced budget even as lower crude prices indirectly carve billions of dollars from federal revenues.

Selling the GM stock and booking the proceeds in the 2015-16 budget could help Ottawa offset the financial blow from the oil slump.

Unifor, the union that represents 7,000 GM workers in Ontario, has urged Ottawa to hold on to its shares.

"The worst reason to sell GM shares is to help the government cover its little optics problem with a possible deficit," Unifor economist Jim Stanford said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Renewed U.S. relations opens up Cuban athletics, economy



Cuban hurdler Dayron Robles, wearing a jersey bearing a Nike swoosh, looks on after the men's meet in Beijing in May 2014. As recently as three years ago, Cuban track and field athletes were allowed to wear only Adidas, regardless of their personal brand preference. LINTAO ZHANG/GETTY IMAGES

National sports.

Revised rules allow Cuban athletes to sign personal endorsements

Before U.S. President Barack Obama announced plans in December to normalize state-to-state relations with Cuba, there were no warning signs.

But if you were looking closely last track season, some standout Cuban athletes were competing in gear supplied by U.S. companies.

If legendary Cuban hurdler Dayron Robles competes at the Pan Am games in Toronto this summer, he'll do so in Nike shoes. Cuban track and field athletes wore Adidas regardless of their personal brand preference, and a long list of rules kept American companies from doing business with Cuba's state-run sports system.

But two years ago, the country's track and field federation quietly relaxed regulations, al-

lowing athletes greater autonomy regarding apparel deals.

"Eighteen months before the announcement, Nike had already infiltrated Cuba," says Kris Mychasiw, a Montreal-based agent who advised several Cuban athletes.

Brand mismatches between athletes and national federations aren't rare. Athletics Canada is sponsored by Nike but can't stop athletes from seeking deals with other outfitters.

Robles complained about the federation's lack of resources and left the team in early 2013, only to resurface later that year on Monaco's track circuit — wearing Nike gear. He has since returned to a Cuban team that has relaxed its endorsement deal restrictions.

The move to allow athletes the freedom to seek sponsorships comes amid broader reforms to stimulate the economy through private ownership of homes and businesses, the hope being to create jobs to balance national unemployment. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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VOICES

THE DATA-DRIVEN CITY

The handling of the Bay-Bloor scramble should be held up as a shining beacon for how to approach urban planning in Toronto



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Matt Elliott

It seems like a very small thing compared to the bigger issues facing a city such as Toronto, but a recent report on a single intersection at Bay and Bloor streets gives me some hope: Hope for a city that makes decisions based on facts and evidence, and not panic, pandering and gut feelings; Hope for a data-driven city.

First, we need a quick recap. In 2007, Toronto city council voted to implement, on a trial basis, some "pedestrian priority" intersections downtown. You probably know them better as pedestrian scrambles — they're places where, once per signal cycle, cars at all sides get a red light while pedestrians are allowed to cross diagonally.

As someone who mostly gets around by foot,

these scrambles can feel pretty great. It's like, for a fleeting moment, I'm the king of all traffic.

Two such scrambles — at Yonge and Dundas streets, and Yonge and Bloor streets — have been deemed successful. In both cases, there are more than twice as many pedestrians passing through each day than there are cars, and plenty of people each day taking advantage of the diagonal crossing.

At the pedestrian-priority intersection at Bay and Bloor, however, the benefits are less clear. And so this week city hall's public works and infrastructure committee will receive a report packed with real data about how the intersection has been used since it was scrambled.

Based on their observations, transportation staff is recommending the intersection go back to normal configuration, but it's the mayor and council that will make the call.

But whatever their final decision, the process behind all of this needs to be applauded. It's a textbook example of how Toronto should approach infrastructure issues.

Instead of debating endlessly over the potential merits and drawbacks of pedestrian scrambles, council decided to just implement a bunch of them on a trial basis. That allowed the collection of real-world usage data. Now, with that data in hand, a decision can be made.

It sounds simple, but it's not a process that's used very often at Toronto City Hall. That should change.

A similar approach could be taken to a range of issues facing the city. For instance, councillors have talked for years about potentially limiting car traffic on King Street to allow for better streetcar service. Why not just try it for a few months and report back?

Why not try?

Instead of debating endlessly over the potential merits and drawbacks of pedestrian scrambles, council decided to just implement a bunch of them on a trial basis.

The same goes for a range of other issues, such as the installation of separated bike lanes, one-way operation of certain streets, later last call at bars, or even legalized skating on Grenadier Pond.

Like with the pedestrian scramble, these are all issues where Toronto could use a little less conversation and a little more action — and yes, a lot more data.



Your Toronto

Winter: Enjoy it while it lasts

Photo submitted by Metro reader Scott Reeve

If nothing else, this shot proves that all this cold — and, generally speaking, winter — doesn't have to be a bad thing. There are plenty of people, like these kids at Earl Bales Park, savouring every last minute. **CONTRIBUTED**

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Upcoming

Death of Dissent

Are flames of dissent burning lower than ever before due to the federal government's actions? Canadian Journalists For Free Expression (CJFE) are exploring this question in an upcoming event. Marking this year's Freedom to Read week, CJFE's executive director Tom Henheffer will talk about how a culture of secrecy in Ottawa is shutting down investigative journalism, and civil society is feeling the chill. The event takes place Tuesday at North York Central Library. Call 416-395-5660 to register. **GILBERT NGABO/METRO**

International Polar Bear Day

Yup, there's such a day. And now, the Toronto Zoo is holding a polar bear festival. Fun activities will help to educate visitors, while raising awareness of and supporting this threatened Canadian species. The fun will include a silent auction with a chance to win a Keeper-for-a-Day experience or Behind-the-Scenes tour. Call 416-392-5929 or email tzwebmaster@torontozoo.ca for more details. **GILBERT NGABO/METRO**

Free at TIFF

Catch the world premiere of *Women Who Act*, a film by Patricia Rozema this Friday at Toronto International Film Festival. On Saturday, you can watch Xavier Dolan's film *Mommy*, which has a whopping 13 nominations at the Canadian Screen Awards. You can also catch *Maps to the Stars* by David Cronenberg, which scooped 11 nominations for the awards. **GILBERT NGABO/METRO**

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Oscars not really awesome

Academy Awards.

Host Neil Patrick Harris trades quips for singing and the show never really recovers

MATT PRIGGE

Metro in New York City

How much of a mess are the Academy Awards? Not even Neil Patrick Harris — the obvious go-to guy who kills at the Tonys and Emmys — could conquer them.

NPH was to be the second safe choice in a row, after last year's Ellen DeGeneres show. Sometimes the Oscars think outside the box and pay the price: Seth MacFarlane singing about boobs in 2013; the dynamic duo of a dazed, noncommittal James Franco and an energy-pill-high Anne Hathaway in 2011.

It all started well. Harris ascended from the floor onto the stage of Los Angeles' Dolby Theatre for his first Oscars gig and immediately addressed the biggest elephant in the room. "Tonight we celebrate the best and whitest — sorry, best and brightest," he quipped, winking referring to the heavy snubbing that befell Selma.

But this was a false start. Savage quips were immediately — as in the next sentence — replaced by singing. Harris launched into one of those songs that Billy Crystal used to do, except only about a third of it was dedicated to jokes. Singing about "moving pictures" — it's 1895 all over again! — he offered a sloppy valentine to the medium he's shilling for at this awards show, at least. Harris inserted himself into movies, most of them old — say, blocking Sharon Stone's business from Basic Instinct — but also the night's only feted musical, Into the Woods.

Speaking of which, he was soon joined by Anna Kendrick, as well as Jack Black, who channelled his inner Tenacious D to offer the position that maybe movies are crap and this whole thing is a corrupt love-in. The Oscars do this every now and then: addressing that maybe the ceremony — and maybe even movies themselves — are irrelevant. And as usual, the event had



Akiva Schaffer, Andy Samberg, and Jorma Taccone of The Lonely Island perform Everything Is Awesome from The Lego Movie during the Oscars last night. The Tegan and Sara hit did not win the Oscar for best original song, which went to Glory from Selma, by John Legend and Common. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

List of winners

Here's the list of winners at Sunday's 87th annual Academy Awards. For the full list, visit metronews.ca.

- **Supporting actor:** J.K. Simmons, Whiplash.
- **Supporting actress:** Patricia Arquette, Boyhood.
- **Costume design:** The Grand Budapest Hotel.
- **Makeup and hairstyling:** The Grand Budapest Hotel.
- **Foreign language film:** Ida.
- **Documentary (short subject):** Crisis Hotline: Veterans Press 1.
- **Sound mixing:** Whiplash.
- **Sound editing:** American Sniper.
- **Live action short film:** The Phone Call.
- **Visual effects:** Interstellar.

no real answers: just a flashy song-and-dance number performed by one of entertainment's brightest lights.

Harris couldn't really make the Oscars his own, though his best moment was almost certainly a genuinely improvised bit of silliness when he did a song and dance following J.K. Simmons' earnest plea for everyone to call their parents — call, not text — while accepting his Best Supporting Actor prize

for Whiplash.

But to the question all of you most wanted to know: Did the Costume Design trophy go to The Grand Budapest Hotel? (OK, some of us were worried it wouldn't.) It did, deservedly, as did the makeup and hairstyling award, for a film that successfully turned the ageless Tilda Swinton into a 90-something prune. In fact, it's odd that OCD director Wes Anderson has not swept the technical awards before.

Mothers and other strangers

Some of the night's odd moments

One of the bigger moments of the night came long before the ceremony even started. On the red carpet, Dakota Johnson got peeved with her date, her mom Melanie Griffith, who said she had still not seen Fifty Shades of Grey because you know why. Apparently Griffith is the only one who hasn't heard about its limp sex scenes.

Host Neil Patrick Harris had some noticeably questionable fumbles. He made jokes about Oprah's size and Octavia Spencer's snacking. He also brutally fumbled through the name Chiwetel Ejiofor. But there was a pretty funny Clint Eastwood joke that compared him to Kanye.

Ida director Pawel Pawlikowski became one of the few winners to ever conquer the nosy, impatient

orchestra, who were all set to drown him out far quicker than they would, say, a J.K. Simmons. He persisted and they actually shut up, only coming back when he would let them. Good on ya.



Dakota Johnson with mom Melanie Griffith

JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES

Hollywood goes classic

High collars replaced sexy cutouts, and Classic Hollywood in blacks and whites took hold of the Oscars red carpet Sunday night with help from Reese Witherspoon, who was in a black and white off-the-shoulder Tom Ford gown, and a heavily beaded look for fashion It girl Lupita Nyong'o.

Jewelry a force for good

Best supporting actress nominee Laura Dern prepares for the Oscars wearing a Bulgari turquoise ring in support of the American Lung Association's Lung Force, an initiative dedicated to raising awareness about lung cancer and how it affects women. Turquoise is the signature colour of Lung Force.



Pearly perfection

Several stars wore high-necked white gowns, including Marion Cotillard and Nyong'o (pictured here) in a heavily embellished custom Calvin Klein.



Men who dare to be different

Trendsetter Will.i.am. took some heat on the fashion blogs for playing it cool in sneakers and striped shirt. Meanwhile, actor David Oyelowo, seen here with Michael Keaton, looked dashing in burgundy. Keaton kept it safe in a black tux.



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Hollywood actresses sent a feminist message on the Oscar red carpet this year, promoting the #AskHerMore campaign that aims to put an end to sexist questions on the red carpet. "We're more than just our dresses," best actress nominee Reese Witherspoon said before the show. "We are so happy to be here and talk about the work that we've done. It's hard being a woman in Hollywood, or any other industry."

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'WE'RE MORE THAN JUST OUR DRESSES'

We hear ya, Reese. Though we recognize there is more to these stunning ladies (and gents) than their looks, here are the night's best dressed

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Green light

Scarlett Johansson opted for statement jewelry in the form of a green choker, which complemented her perfectly moulded Versace gown.

Lady in red

There was a contingent of leading ladies in strapless red, including Rosamund Pike in Givenchy Haute Couture.



Carried away

Jennifer Aniston, wearing champagne-coloured Versace, uses her muscles to try to lift Emma Stone, who wore a custom Elie Saab gown.



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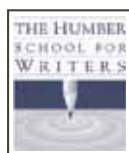
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Becoming debt-free or saving for a down payment for a house requires sacrifice and a well-thought-out strategy



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Sometimes people say they want one thing but then do something that totally works against them achieving their goal. Home ownership is a great example.

Even if they manage to paint a pretty clear picture of what that home will be like, where it will be, and what it will feel like to live there, they can't come to grips with the fact that owning a home changes everything. It usually means not spending money in restaurants, on new clothes, or on vacations so you can build a down payment. It also means not going out three nights a week to party with friends because now you have a mortgage and a whole bunch of around-the-house things to get done.

Deciding what you really, really want means that you not only visualize what you're trying to achieve, you also do your best to predict and understand the consequences of getting what you want.

Everything in life comes with upsides and downsides. If you're only looking at the upsides when you're making your decisions, you'll be unhappily sur-



Home ownership comes with plenty of pros, but also plenty of cons. It's up to you to plan accordingly. ISTOCK

prised by the downsides.

Having children has huge upsides. But having children also has enormous responsibilities that can take your breath away. Ditto deciding to go back to school, changing your career, moving to a new country or another part of the country, or becoming debt-free.

People often tell me that they know what they want. Just as often, their behaviours do not match their words.

It's important to understand and accept the consequences of your choice and integrate both the upsides and the downsides into your plan. Sure, you may not be able to go out three nights

a week with friends, but you can hold a game night or have a Dessert for Dinner evening where everyone brings something to the table. And you may be stuck home with baby, but that won't stop you inviting all the other stuck-home-with-baby people over for poker night or to watch the latest DVD release.

Once you decide what you really, really want, putting some tracking into place to measure your progress is much more likely to get you there. Have you ever noticed that when you start something new you're all gung-ho, but as time goes by your energy and effort wanes? Hey, it's

human. Once we lose our initial enthusiasm — when the immediate seems more tempting than the long-term goal — that goal feel almost oppressive. Really? We're going to turn down dinner out with friends again! When will this be over?

When you're working toward a goal, you have to find ways to stay focused on what you've achieved so you keep going. Having knocked a \$2,000 credit card balance back to zero, you may find your motivation to attack your student loan lagging. A vacation seems much more enticing now. Doesn't everyone take forever to pay off their stu-

Why so stubborn?

Hugely resistant to measuring your activities on any front? Maybe you're not yet committed to change. Writing it down means making a deal with yourself to do something that has results.

- If you're not writing it down, there's no deal, and you're off the hook. Of course it also means you're going to keep doing what you know isn't working.

dent debt anyway?

You have to come up with ways to keep the blush on your debt-free rose.

Measuring your progress is one way to stay focused and keep yourself motivated. By recording how you're doing, you can look at a picture that reflects your reality, not what you think is your reality. You can appreciate what you have accomplished in moving towards your goal.

I can hear some of you moaning now: "But Gail, all that measuring takes time I don't have." Really? You're trying to achieve a goal you've said is important, but you don't have time to check to see how you're doing? Or is it you're afraid you're going to miss the mark and would rather keep your head buried in your delusion?

Measuring can be as simple as making a chart and colouring in your progress or as creative as making a debt-tree with \$100 leaves and then pulling off a leaf every time you pay down \$100 of your debt.

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- 1 1/2 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 4 breasts)
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp 2% milk (or water)
- 2/3 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese (1/2 oz)
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- Stuffing**
- 12 small (or 4 large) asparagus spears (about 1/4 lb/125 g), trimmed
- 1/4 cup diced brie (1 oz)
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese (1/2 oz)
- 1/4 cup chopped roasted red pepper (about 2 small roasted red peppers)
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh basil

**TOTAL
TIME
ABOUT 32
MINUTES**

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Lightly coat a 9- x 13-inch casserole dish with cooking spray.

2. Working with one at a time, place a chicken breast between 2 sheets of waxed paper and

pound to an even 2-inch thickness. Set aside.

3. Stuffing: Boil or steam the asparagus until just tender, about 2 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water. Dice and place it in a bowl. Add the brie, Parmesan, red pepper and dried basil.

4. Lay the chicken breasts flat and divide the stuffing equally among them. Roll up and secure with a toothpick. Whisk together the egg and milk and place in a shallow bowl. Combine the bread crumbs and Parmesan in another shallow bowl or plate.

5. Lightly coat a large nonstick skillet with cooking spray, add the oil and set over medium-high heat. Dip the rolled chicken into the egg mixture and then into the bread crumbs. Sauté the rolled chicken just until browned on all sides, about 5 minutes.

6. Place in the prepared casserole dish and bake another 10 to 15 minutes or until the chicken is no longer pink (or reaches an internal temperature of 165 F). Slice in half or into medallions to serve. Garnish with fresh basil. **THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITE-CAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

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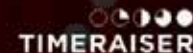


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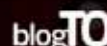
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Advice

Must I fête with the whole floor?



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Dear Metro, I'm having a big birthday party in a couple weeks and I'm planning to invite some of my co-workers. Not the whole office — just a few people I really like. However, I'm worried about offending those colleagues I'd rather not have at my home. Is there a way to keep my gathering exclusive without creating enemies?

— Not on the Guest List

Dear NOTGL, It's your party and you don't have to include Kevin from marketing if you don't want to. But you also don't have to rub your off-hours friendships in the faces of those you only wish to see at work.

When issuing invites, be discreet. Large meetings — when your whole team is within earshot — are not the best times to tell Jenn about your blowout while the rest listen in feeling left out. Save party planning for emails or one-on-one powwows.

This doesn't mean you should keep your festivities a secret. It's true your rejected colleagues might feel a little jealous of those who made the cut. But they can only get angry if you start acting cagey. Should anyone ask, be polite, but open. Say it's your birthday. And that you're having a party. Then wish them a friendly good night. It's part of your job to make nice during the workweek. Not part of your job: entertaining your whole company on the weekend.

Dear Metro, I'm currently in line for a really exciting promotion. I badly want the position, but there's a hitch. The other person up for the job is my best friend at work. Someone I love spending time with and genuinely want to succeed. What's worse, things have been really awkward between us since the role came up. I don't want to sacrifice my professional goals, but I need to diffuse this tension. How can I make this okay?

—Friends & Rivals

Dear F&R, Wanting your friend to succeed and wanting yourself to succeed should not be competing ambitions. Unfortunately, you've found yourself in a peculiar situation where your pal's success directly translates into your own disappointment. In short: This sucks. Have you discussed your conflict at all? It might help to acknowledge — out loud — the no-way-around-it difficulty of your present conflict of interest. Rather than letting the tension creep up, you could engage an upfront conversation in which you both get the opportunity to air how you feel. You shouldn't shirk your own ambitions. But by recognizing your co-worker's aspirations, you might ease your strained relationship.

Regardless of the outcome, you're ready for an upwards move. If this internal advancement doesn't pan out, consider opportunities outside your present organization. Then you can feel happy for yourself — and your friend.

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Closures spell difficulty for students seeking employment

Job search. Summer job hunters may need to broaden search following retail breakdowns: Experts

Students and new graduates on the hunt for summer jobs may find the search even more daunting given the recent grim news on the homegrown retail front.

With Target shuttering its 133 Canadian locations and Jacob, Mexx, Sony, Parasuco and Jones New York closing up shop, will short-term job opportunities be tougher to come by?

Hershi Rubinoff, president of career site CPG Connect, said she's seen a huge influx of visits from Target employees since the Minneapolis-based retailer announced its exit from the Canadian marketplace.

"I think that's the biggest problem that students and new grads are going to run into this summer because as they're applying for those part-time retail positions, there's going to be a plethora of candidates in the market from Target and ... other retailers," Rubinoff said.

"Because there's going to be so many of them looking for work, they're going to have the experience, and they're likely going to be willing to accept a lower wage."

But Lauren Friese, founder of TalentEgg, a Canadian job site and career resource for students and recent graduates, said it's still unknown how many of the eliminated jobs would have been available to young people.

The job market for teens



Young professionals are having to hustle in market that's bringing on hurdle after hurdle. ISTOCK

Unexpected competition

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President of career site CPG Connect

and young adults remains a tough one.

Statistics Canada data revealed the youth unemployment rate declined by 0.7 percentage points in January to 12.8 per cent, with 30,300 more young people working compared to the year prior. Still, the youth unemployment rate far exceeds the national figure of 6.6 per cent.

Rubinoff said young people should be diversifying their job

searches and looking to different sectors for potential opportunities.

"I know that event marketing is always something that is very big and definitely picks up in the summertime as the different consumer packaged goods companies look at grassroots ways to reach their target audience," she said.

Friese recently gave an hour-long presentation in which she stressed three main

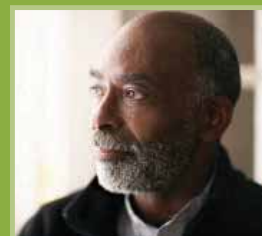
points on pursuing summer and post-graduate work: being resourceful, creative and taking action.

"Being resourceful starts with being very organized and figuring out all the different types of resources that are out there to help you, whether they're in the online world or the offline world," said Friese, whose website features Bright Ideas, an online initiative aimed at crowdsourcing solutions to improve Canada's youth employment.

Friese said she thinks the exciting part of summer employment is that students get the chance to gain experience in an area they may be uncertain they like or want to pursue for the long haul.

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What to do when Cupid aims for your cubicle

Career. How to date a co-worker without putting your job and reputation in jeopardy

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While many people claim that they'd never date someone at

work, the numbers tell a different story. According to a 2014 CareerBuilder survey, 38 per cent of workers say they've dated a co-worker. But mixing love and the workplace can be tricky.

Here's what you should do if the love bug infects your office.

Proceed with caution

Have you ever dealt with a

messy breakup and you're oh-so-glad your ex lives across town? Well, what happens when he or she's in the next cubicle pod? Proceed slowly and remain professional at the office — no PDA after-hours at the copier, OK?

That's not to say romance can't blossom and result in marriage, but the alternative — a fling leading to a stressful breakup and constant run-

ins at the water cooler, not to mention career setbacks — are possibilities as well.

Do not date your boss

This is simply not smart — your career and reputation are at stake, and if word gets out, your colleagues may be jealous and think you're getting special treatment. Or, your boss may overcompensate and be harsher on you with demand-

ing work and performance reviews. Just say no. And if you're the boss, avoid dating someone you manage at all costs.

The key to delicately handling office politics is to be protective of your love life by keeping your romance on the down low.

If it's obvious you're spending lunchtime together and are spotted out and about there's no need to deny it.

But in the ideal scenario, it should be up to you to decide when to tell colleagues you are a couple.

Compartmentalize

Remember to set up your Facebook privacy settings so everyone doesn't know about your romantic weekend away or the cute selfies you took after work.

- This is especially true as things get more serious. If it's looking like you've found your soulmate, do you really want everyone knowing your business?

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Career. Entrepreneur says that it's a great time to work toward an MBA



Employers want creative thinkers who can work in groups. ISTOCK

While technology and hiring trends are constantly evolving, one thing remains true: A strong foundation will give students the skills they need throughout their careers.

"In our minds, the upswings in the economy have stimulated new businesses," says Sunil Sani, an entrepreneur and venture capitalist who is the co-founder of Careerglider.com, a site geared toward helping young people figure out their educational and career path.

"Having an MBA highlights a skill set that many employers want." We talked to Sani — himself an MBA holder from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania — about how the degree can further certain career goals.

Seeing the full picture

"The best part about an MBA is the networking, because you work in groups," says Sani. "You are given a business problem and have to come in with your own solutions and get to have a lively discussion as a group." Those group negotiations, he says, give students a glimpse of what it is like to market products and negotiate deals at a company. Good research is

key to finding a school that's a right fit for your interests and needs. Careerglider.com offers a blog with advice for potential students as well as information on different programs in the region.

Preparation for the startup world

"MBA programs are the main feeders for the investment bank world," says Sani. "However, one great thing about the degree is that it can be used in fields like health care, consulting and even social media." Sani says he is seeing more companies looking for candidates with MBA backgrounds in fields like marketing.

The ability to branch out on your own

"When I got my MBA, I went in knowing that I'd be going into a family business," says Sani. "It's really about getting into small-business management." Sani reminds students that networking is more than just hanging out with your classmates after a lecture. "I've worked with some of (my classmates) and I've invested with some of them, too."

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NHL

Bruins rout Hawks to snap six-game losing streak

Patrice Bergeron opened the scoring with his 200th goal, then added two assists in Boston's four-goal second period and the Bruins snapped a season-high six-game losing streak with a 6-2 rout of the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday.

Reilly Smith had a goal and assist for the Bruins, who were 0-4-2 during the slide, their longest winless stretch since 2010. Loui Eriksson, Milan Lucic, Gregory Campbell and Dougie Hamilton also scored for Boston.

Jonathan Toews and Bryan Bickell scored for the Blackhawks, who have lost three straight (0-2-1).

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NBA

Durant has surgery on foot

Kevin Durant had surgery Sunday to alleviate pain in his right foot, and the Oklahoma City Thunder expect him to return during the regular season.

A screw was replaced from his October operation for a broken bone in the right foot. Thunder general manager Sam Presti said the star forward will be evaluated again within a week.

Presti said the head of the original screw was rubbing against the cuboid bone in the foot, causing discomfort. The new screw does not have a head. Presti said the new hardware won't affect the already positive long-term prognosis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raptors look to feast on Davis-less Pelicans

NBA. All-star big man expected to miss 1-2 weeks of action

As they look to rebound from Saturday's blowout loss to the Houston Rockets, the Raptors appear to have caught a break, but they're not about to take anything for granted.

All-star big man Anthony Davis won't be taking to the court Monday night against Toronto, after suffering a sprained right shoulder, the New Orleans Pelicans announced Sunday afternoon.

"An MRI conducted by the team's medical staff this morning confirmed the ... sprain," the Pelicans said in a news release, adding that he'd be out of action for one to two weeks.

Davis re-injured his shoulder Saturday night against the Miami Heat, after banging into the Heat's Hassan Whiteside while attempting a shot late in the first quarter.

Davis had originally hurt his shoulder Feb. 7 against the Chicago Bulls. The Heat game was his first action since the original injury. He'd missed the Pelicans' last two games before the all-star break. The team gave him permission to play in the all-star game, but he turned it down, saying he preferred to focus on getting healthy for the stretch drive of the regular season.

The Pelicans also announced Davis's backup at power forward, Ryan Anderson, would be out two to four weeks with a sprained MCL in his right knee, an injury



Pelicans all-star Anthony Davis is out with a sprained shoulder. He originally hurt his shoulder on Feb. 7 in a game against the Bulls, but re-injured it Saturday night against the Heat. SCOTT HALLERAN/GETTY IMAGES

Out for redemption

Even without Davis in the lineup, the Raptors aren't taking the struggling Pelicans for granted. The biggest reason? The last time the two teams played, in mid-January, Davis was also out. The Pelicans won anyway, squeaking past the Raptors 95-93 at the

Air Canada Centre.

- "I think it was a two-point game. It was one of those tough games we thought we should have won and we will be looking to redeem ourselves," DeMar DeRozan said.

also suffered Saturday night against the Heat.

The double hit could see backup centre Alexis Ajinca move into the starting five.

While the loss of Anderson

will also hurt the Pelicans, it's the absence of Davis which will be more keenly felt by a team that had already been struggling to keep itself in the Western Conference race.

Heading into Monday's game, the Pelicans are in 10th spot in the Western standings, with a 28-27 record.

Davis had been averaging a double-double this season for the Pelicans, with 23.9 points and 10.9 rebounds per game, and was the focal point of the team's offence.

In the words of Raptors guard Greivis Vasquez, who was a teammate of Davis in his rookie season, the 21-year-old Pelican star has the potential of being league MVP some day.

"I think he's the next Tim Duncan," said Vasquez.

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Bernier's future with Leafs in limbo

Struggling. Despite heroic Winnipeg display the talented goalie is no shoo-in for next season

The final 22 games of the season hold plenty of story lines for the Leafs, and one of the most important among them centres on how the team will manage Jonathan Bernier into the end of the schedule.

Key for Bernier and the Leafs are two pivotal concerns: how much the Leafs will use him down the stretch, and how it will affect both his status as a No. 1 goalie and his pending free agency this summer.

Both of those concerns were shaded in negativity during Toronto's season-ruining losing streak that began Dec. 18; Bernier's performance meshed into the slide and saw him struggle with save percentage



Jonathan Bernier TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

and confidence in a personal losing streak that reached 10 games.

Bernier's efforts consistently showcased his skill level, but he also failed to deliver a true, game-changing performance, one which would have stolen a win for the Leafs during a very desperate time. That changed Saturday when the 10-game streak broke in a win over Winnipeg in which Bernier saved

the last 10 shots he faced in regulation and overtime.

Toronto's win Saturday marked something of a watershed moment for the down-trodden team; in perhaps its most gutsy game of the season, the Leafs matched the league's most physical team in the Jets 24 hours after being analyzed for its lack of response to Eric Staal in Carolina.

Bernier saw his team score three or more goals for just the third time in his last 14 starts, and the overall feeling was not only relief against the losing streak, but a sense of a solid response to one of the NHL's most in-your-face teams.

Trade talk will continue to dog the team to the March 2 deadline, and Bernier reflected on the weight of that talk and its impact on the dressing room; but in Bernier's corner, his focus now turns to a strong finish and potential answers to the key questions surrounding the remainder of his season. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Logano cracks Daytona

Joey Logano raced to his first career Daytona 500 victory Sunday as he continued to reward Roger Penske for catapulting him into one of NASCAR's top stars. CHRIS GRAYTHEN/GETTY IMAGES

Qatar 2022

Winter World Cup looking more likely

Global soccer executives will fly into Qatar this week to conclude discussions on when the 2022 World Cup should be played. The outcome already seems clear: Soccer's biggest event will be played in November and December for the first time unless FIFA unexpectedly gives into European opposition.

In Doha on Tuesday, power brokers from Europe's clubs and leagues on FIFA's Qatar task force will once again spell out the disruption that would be created by splitting their August-May seasons. But with the final scheduling decision resting with FIFA's executive committee, it seems unlikely president Sepp Blatter's desire for November-December will be overruled. Asian Football Confederation president Sheikh Salman Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa indicated last month that the November-December switch had already been "resolved."

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Liverpool stays hot vs. Saints

Premier League. Ref swallows whistle, Coutinho, Sterling lift Reds at Southampton

Liverpool moved two points off the top four in the Premier League with a 2-0 win at Southampton on Sunday, while Tottenham fought back for a 2-2 draw with West Ham.

The victory moves Liverpool into sixth and Brendan Rodgers' side is now two points behind Manchester United, who still occupies the fourth and final Champions League position, despite losing 2-1 at Swansea on Saturday.

A brilliant long-range strike from Philippe Coutinho put Liverpool ahead after three minutes, with the Brazil international's effort beating Southampton goalkeeper Fraser Forster from 25 yards and going in off the crossbar.

Southampton had most of the possession in the second half but could not break down Liverpool's stern defence.

Race for the top four		
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Chelsea	18-6-2	60
Man. City	16-7-3	55
Arsenal	14-6-6	48
Man. United	13-8-5	47
S.Hampton	14-4-8	46
Liverpool	13-6-7	45
Tottenham	13-5-8	44
West Ham	10-9-7	39

And Raheem Sterling secured the win in the 73rd, lashing in from the edge of the area after Matt Targett failed to clear Alberto Moreno's cross.

"It is an excellent win, defensively we were very strong," Rodgers said, before refusing to be drawn on his side's chances of usurping United. "It is just going to be small steps for us. We have organized the team in a different way and we have been playing two or three times a week now for the last four months and today was a huge win."

Elsewhere, Everton was held 2-2 at home to bottom club Leicester. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho put his name into the goal of the year conversation with a 25-yard strike on Sunday at Southampton. GLYN KIRK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Around Europe Sunday

- In Italy, Roma's slim title hopes faded as it drew 1-1 at Hellas Verona in Serie A to fall nine points behind league leader Juventus.
- In Germany, Dutch striker Bas Dost scored two as Wolfsburg solidified No. 2 in the Bundesliga with a 2-1 win over relegation bound Hertha Berlin.
- In France, Young midfielder Nabil Fekir scored as Lyon beat Nantes 1-0 to restore its two-point lead over holders Paris Saint-Germain in Ligue 1.
- In Spain, Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema gave Real Madrid a 2-0 win at Elche, as the Spanish leaders capitalized on Barcelona's stumble to increase their advantage to four points.



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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Working behind the scenes can be frustrating for someone as outgoing as you. But it does enable you to do things you don't want others to see.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Some people may say you are being too cautious, especially with money, but your sixth sense tells you this is not a good time to splash out.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Just because you disagree with someone does not mean you cannot be friends. The message of the stars today is differences of opinion must not be allowed to come between you.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If someone you live or work with needs assistance today, and according to the planets they most likely will, you must go out of your way to help.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Keep standards high over the coming week and make sure those around you aim high too. You'll be judged as much on who you know as what you do.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

With the Sun at right angles to Saturn, you will have to give ground. Compromise is not an option, it's essential. There are times when you have no choice but to work as part of a team, and this is one of them.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may have to postpone something you were looking forward to but looking back at the end of the week you will be relieved you never got started.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to recognize that you do not have unlimited resources. If there is something you want, and it doesn't come cheap, you may have to put it on your wait list for a while.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Saturn in your sign at odds with the Sun today means you must not get worked up about something which, in the greater scheme of things, is of only minor importance.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

What a friend or relative tells you may not be what you were hoping to hear but it is good advice and if you are smart you will listen and learn.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Stay out of a dispute today, even if you think you can bring the two sides together. Chances are you will bring them together but it is likely to be in opposition to you!

♓ Pisces

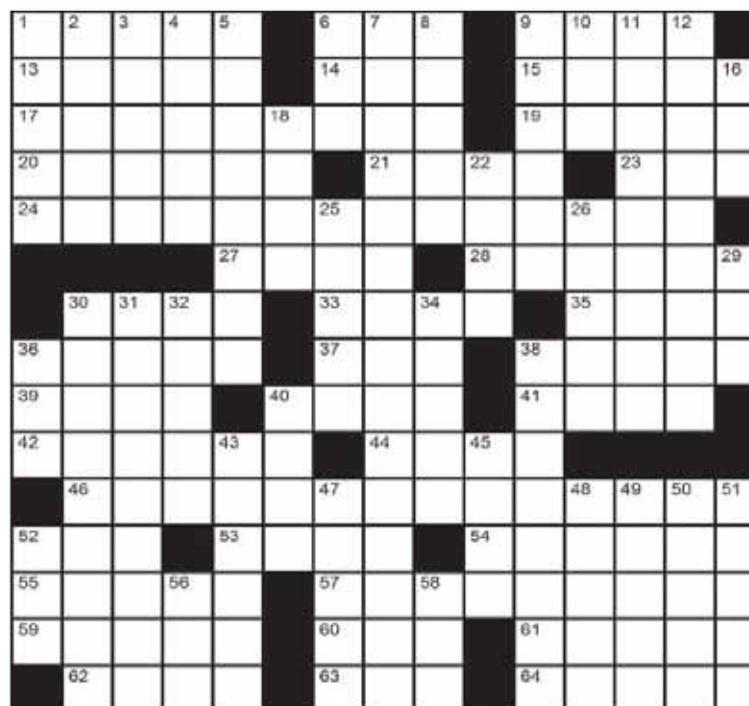
Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't worry if your latest project does not seem to be making much progress. There is a good cosmic reason why you are being held back.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Acknowledge
6. Bottom-of-letter letters
9. In ____ (Sequentially)
13. "From ____ shining..."
14. "____, what's up, doc?" - Bugs Bunny
15. "Tiny Bubbles" singer: 2 wds.
17. Michigan city of song
19. Keep your ____ the prize
20. Catch
21. WWII-era service-women
23. "____ Boot" (1981)
24. One was set up by a German U-boat landing party in Martin Bay in Northern Labrador in WWII: 2 wds.
27. Currency exchange fee
28. Songstress Ms. Gore
30. Aura
33. Santa Fe, ____
35. Ailments
36. Glimmer
37. Positive opp.
38. "Darn ____!"
39. "You leave ____ choice..."
40. Like venison
41. Not any
42. Deep blue
44. Blood type, ____
46. Toronto Maple Leafs mascot: 3 wds.



52. Association [abbr.]
53. Get paid
54. Six-headed mythological sea monster
55. Actress Sophia
57. Chantal Kreviazuk hit: 2 wds.
59. Olympic sprinter Mr. Bolt
60. Wrath

61. Painting stand
62. Thesaurus entries, briefly
63. Dangerous fly, when doubled
64. Salon snippe

Down

1. Awry
2. Actor, Cameron ____ Stewart

3. Mediterranean island
4. "But is ____?" (Museum query, perhaps)
5. Weapon axe
6. Collectible candy dispenser
7. Exhibit etiquette: 3 wds.
8. Piglet

9. "____ Fideles"
10. Mr. Orbison
11. Bill phased out by the Loonie: 2 wds.
12. Ms. Furtado's debut album: 2 wds.!
16. Switch selections
18. Take down ____ (Humble)
22. Mineral residue
25. Actress Lisa

26. "____ go?" (Was the thumbs-up given?)
29. Couture letters
30. Calgary Flames forward Curtis
31. "Dallas" actress: 2 wds.
32. "____" ('Dine in the Dark' restaurant in Toronto and Montreal)
34. Ancient land
36. Dieter's stat.
38. How clandestine operations are carried out: 2 wds.
40. "You've ____ Way" by Shania Twain
43. Big Bandleader Mr. Miller's
45. "It's ____ Quiet" by Bjork
47. Elliptical path
48. Way to learn a song on piano: 2 wds.
49. Meredith's "Family Ties" role
50. Hand creams ingredients
51. Jazz Mr. Julia's
52. Jazz musician, ____ Dara
56. German article⁹
58. Cost

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Last week's Sudoku

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